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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1 of the Specification please replace the section entitled Related Applications, with the following rewritten section:

~~This application is a continuation in part of U.S. Application No. 09/***,*** which is the U.S. National Phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Application PCT/EP99/04951, filed July 13, 1999, which claims priority of German Application DE 198 31 758.1, filed July 15, 1998. claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §365(c) as a continuation in part of U.S. Application No 09/744047 filed January 16, 2001 which is the U.S. National Phase application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/EP99/04951, filed July 13, 1999, which claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 to Application No. DE 198 31 758.1, filed July 15, 1998 in Germany.~~